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WASHINGTON FROM WASH FIELD

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9:30 P.M.

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DREW PEARSON, ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE DECEMBER TEN, FIFTY ONE, TO JACK ANDERSON, IEG-MAN FOR DREW PEARSON, ESPIONAGE DASH X. COPIES OF *Handwritten initials*

DREW PEARSON COLUMNS NOW AVAILABLE WHICH APPEARED PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER AND NEW YORK MIRROR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, FIFTY ONE, DISPLAYED TO CLAYTON FRITCHEY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, DEFENSE DEPT., TODAY. FRITCHEY STATED BOTH COLUMNS ARE REASONABLE ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF THE MATERIAL ORIGINALLY DISPLAYED TO HIM BY JACK ANDERSON AT PEARSON HOME NIGHT DECEMBER TWELVE TO BEST OF

HIS RECOLLECTION. HE NOTED SEVERAL VARIANCES IN TEXT AND STATED HE WOULD PREFER THAT OF PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER AS TABLOIDS HAVE TENDENCY TO EDIT OR DELETE. AT THIS TIME, FRITCHEY ADVISED THAT ON EVENING DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, HE HAD RECEIVED INVITATION FROM [REDACTED] TO PLAY BRIDGE AT THE PEARSON RESIDENCE TONIGHT, DECEMBER EIGHTEEN. HE EXPRESSED

THE THOUGHT THAT MR. PEARSON MAY HAVE IN MIND MAKING SOME DISCREET INQUIRIES OF FRITCHEY CONCERNING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM THE LEAK, WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF INSTANT INVESTIGATION, AND INQUIRED WHETHER HE SHOULD ADMIT THAT

HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED. FRITCHEY WAS TOLD THAT NO SUGGESTIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS OR TESTIMONY COULD BE GIVEN TO HIM. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO MR. FRITCHEY

THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, AND AT THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT. COLONEL [REDACTED] PRESS AIDE TO GENERAL OMAR

BRADLEY, ALSO WAS RECONTACTED THIS DATE, AND DREW PEARSON COLUMN AS IT APPEARED IN NY MIRROR OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN ABOVE, RECORDED. CLIFTON STATED THAT

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THE COLUMN DISPLAYED TO HIM FOLLOWED GENERALLY HIS RECOLLECTION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE MATERIAL WHICH ANDERSON SHOWED TO GENERAL BRADLEY, AND WHICH THE GENERAL READ TO COLONEL [REDACTED] AND HIMSELF ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER TWELVE. HE REMARKED THAT ALL OF THE POINTS APPEARED IN THE PUBLISHED COLUMN. HE STATED THE FIRST PARAGRAPH IN THIS COLUMN DID NOT STRIKE HIM AS BEING IDENTICAL IN FORM, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT THAT WAS AN INTRODUCTION CONTAINING MUCH THE SAME THOUGHT AS IN THE ANDERSON MATERIAL. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT THE TWO ITEMS WHICH WERE OBJECTIONABLE AND HAD BEEN MARKED FOR DELETION BY GENERAL BRADLEY DID NOT APPEAR AND THAT THE ITEMS CORRECTED AS AGREED UPON DID APPEAR IN THE COLUMN. COLONEL [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE REPORTER OF ALLEN WHO COVERS THE PENTAGON [REDACTED] SAYING HE OCCUPIES ABOUT THE SAME RELATION AS ANDERSON DOES TO PEARSON.

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DREW PEARSON. ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE, DECEMBER TEN FIFTYONE, TO JACK ANDERSON, LEGMAN FOR DREW PEARSON. ESPIONAGE X. ADMIRAL SIDNEY W. SOUERS INTERVIEWED TODAY AND UNABLE IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAK. ADVISED IN HIS OPINION ACTUAL CONFERENCE INACCURATELY REPORTED IN BOTH PEARSON AND ALLEN COLUMNS WHICH HE STATES APPARENTLY WERE WRITTEN ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FROM IDENTICAL SOURCE. STATES OPINION PEARSON AND ALLEN ARTICLES COULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF CURRENT AND AGUTE KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL EVENTS PLUS AT LEAST SOME AID FROM INDIVIDUAL HAVING ACCESS TO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE. ADVISED IN HIS OPINION CONFERENCE INVOLVED WAS NOT OF UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE, STATED BOTH COLUMNS FAILED TO REPORT ANY OF THE FOUR ITEMS WHICH HE CONSIDERED OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE.

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cc: Mr. Belmont

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DECEMBER TEN FIFTYONE TO JACK ANDERSON, LEGMAN FOR DREW
PEARSON. ESPIONAGE - X.

ADMIRAL DENNISON REINTERVIEWED TODAY AT WHICH TIME SUMMARIZED
FOR AGENTS NOTES MADE COVERING CONFERENCE BY JAMES LAY. AS
INDICATED BEFORE BY OTHER SOURCES, BOTH THE PEARSON AND ALLEN
COLUMNS MISSED SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH WERE ACTUALLY
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 20, 1951

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
 DECEMBER 10, 1951
 TO JACK ANDERSON, LEG-MAN FOR DREW PEARSON
 ESPIONAGE - X

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At 11:45 a.m., 12/20/51, Supervisor [] of the NYO called in connection with the captioned matter. He stated that in reply to a telephonic request from Inspector C. E. Hennrich, investigation had been made at the Bell Syndicate, New York, on December 20, 1951, and that the following facts had been developed:

Drew Pearson's column was filed with the Bell Syndicate by teletype wire direct from Pearson's home to the New York Office of Bell Syndicate at approximately 4:00 p.m., December 11, 1951. A change for this column came through from Pearson, by wire, on December 12, 1951. Pearson's column carried the date-line, Washington, 12/14/51. The change reads as follows:

"One hour after column's release (that would be 5:00 p.m., 12/11/51), President Truman asked General Bradley to use his influence to stop its publication. As a result, the column in question, half of which pertained to the meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Monday (12/10/51) was submitted personally to General Bradley for his perusal. General Bradley did not concur with the President that the column should be killed. However, he has suggested the following changes, which I am happy to make.

"Second paragraph, under caption 'Silent Admiral,' should read: 'President Truman commented that no concessions should be granted that we would later regret.'

"Next last paragraph, make third and closing sentence read: 'Some details will be left to iron out after the December 27 deadline.' In other words, omit 'though' and words 'we are sure to grant a short extension to clear them up.'

"Many thanks. (signed) Drew Pearson"

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The New York Office of the Bureau obtained the original column as filed by Pearson with the Bell Syndicate, as well as the original correction. The NYO is still working on the Post-Hall Syndicate to obtain the requested information concerning Robert Allen's column.

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DREW PEARSON, ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE DEC TENTH, FIFTY
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[] OF BELL SYNDICATE, INC, TWO TWO NINE WEST
 FORTYTHIRD ST, NYC, A SUBSIDIARY OF NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE,
 INC., WAS INTERVIEWED IN HIS OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF DEC TWENTIETH.
 HE ADVISED THAT DREW PEARSON HAS HIS OFFICE IN HIS HOME IN WASH,
 DC, IN WHICH IS LOCATED A TELETYPE WHICH HE USES IN DISPATCHING HIS
 NEWS RELEASES TO BELL SYNDICATE. UPON RECEIPT OF THESE TELETYPES
 FROM PEARSON, THEY ARE READ BY [] TO DETERMINE IF THEY MIGHT
 CONTAIN MATERIAL THAT IS LIBELOUS OR SLANDEROUS AGAINST THE PUBLIC
 INTEREST OR AGAINST SECURITY MATTERS IN GENERAL. THEREAFTER THEY
 ARE SENT TO ANY ONE OF A NUMBER OF EDITORS IN THE SYNDICATE WHO
 PROOFREAD THEM FOR GRAMMATICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER JOBS NORMALLY
 DONE BY AN EDITOR FOR A COLUMNIST. HE STATED HOWEVER THAT IN NO
 INSTANCE DO THEY CHANGE THE CONTENT OF ANY OF PEARSONS RELEASES
 WITHOUT CLEARING THEM DIRECTLY WITH PEARSON. [] STATED THAT IN
 PRACTICALLY ALL INSTANCES WHEREVER THERE IS SOME MATERIAL THEY ARE
 NOT SURE OF HE PERSONALLY CONTACTS PEARSON BY TELEPHONE FOR CLAFI-
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THAT APPEARED IN NY DAILY MIRROR PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A FOLLOWUP TELETYPE WITH SOME CORRECTIONS THEREON. HE SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED FROM HIS FILE THE ORIGINAL TELETYPE MESSAGE SENT FROM PEARSONS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWUP CORRECTION THAT HE HAD RECD FROM PEARSONS OFFICE. IT APPEARS THAT THE ORIGINAL TELETYPE MESSAGE FROM PEARSON WAS DATED DEC ELEVENTH, THE CORRECTED TELETYPE WAS DATED DEC TWELFTH. [] RELEATED THAT THIS IS A MORE OR LESS STANDARD PROCEDURE IN DEALING WITH PEARSON WHEREBY THEY RECEIVE THE STORY AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR DAYS BEFORE ITS PUBLICATION. AFTER RECEIPT OF NEWS STORIES FROM PEARSON THEY SEND OUT THE EDITED COPY BY TELETYPE TO CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH OFFICES THEN SEND IT TO OTHER SUBSCRIBERS IN THOSE AREAS VIA MAIL. THERE IS SET FORTH HEREAFTER A COPY OF THE PERTINENT PORTION OF PEARSONS STORY THAT APPEARS IN THE TELETYPES OBTAINED FROM [] A PHOTO-STATIC COPY OF THE BELL SYNDICATES TELETYPE TOGETHER WITH THE CORRECTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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QUOTE FROM THE BELL SYNDICATE, INC.--RELEASE SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 1951.

DREW PEARSON

ON

THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS.../CAPS/ TRUMAN GOT FAVORABLE REPORT ON KOREAN
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TRUCE AT JOINT CHIEFS MEETING. U. S. TROOPS COULD STAY IN KOREA
TILL "HELL FREEZES OVER." TOP EXECUTIVES DESERTING TRUMAN.
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WASHINGTON.--MOST OF THE WORLD WAS INTRIGUED OVER PRESIDENT
TRUMAN-S MUCH-PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF FOL-
LOWING HIS RETURN FROM KEY WEST. HOWEVER, IT TURNED OUT TO BE
PRETTY MUCH ROUTINE AFTER ALL. HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEETING WAS AN
OPTIMISTIC ASSURANCE FROM GEN. OMAR BRADLEY THAT A CEASE-FIRE
COULD BE WORKED OUT IN KOREA.

THE NATION-S HIGHEST DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY CHIEFS WERE WAITING
IN THE CABINET ROOM WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN STRODE IN. HE WAS GRINNING
BROADLY. SHAKING HANDS WITH EVERYONE AROUND THE CONFERENCE TABLE,
HE REPORTED THAT IT WAS "GOOD TO BE BACK," AND ASKED HOW THEY LIKED
HIS SUN TAN.

AFTER THAT, HE LET THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DO MOST OF THE TALK-
ING, AND HERE IS A BRIEF, CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT
THE MEETING WHICH CAUSED SO MUCH WORLD-WIDE SPECULATION.....

THE PRESIDENT SAT BACK, LISTENED INTENTLY AND CALLED FOR EVERY-
ONE-S VIEWS. OCCASIONALLY, HE BOUNCED HIS FINGERS TOGETHER REFLECTIVE-
LY, IN A QUICK, IMPULSIVE GESTURE, AND MADE SUCH COMMENTS AS...

"THAT-S A TOUGH ONE."

GENERAL BRADLEY LET OFF WITH A SUMMARY OF THE KOREAN SITUATION.
HE REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNISTS SEEMED TO BE READY TO COME TO TERMS,
THAT A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT IF BOTH SIDES MADE
CONCESSIONS.

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HOWEVER, GEN. HOYT VANDERBERG, AIR CHIEF OF STAFF, OPPOSED MAKING ANY MAJOR CONCESSIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY ADAMANT AGAINST ALLOWING THE COMMUNISTS THE RIGHT TO BUILD AIRFIELDS DURING THE CEASE FIRE.

GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED GIVING IN TO THE COMMUNISTS ON TROOP ROTATION. THE CHINESE HAVE PROPOSED A FREEZE ON ALL TROOPS ENTERING KOREA, THUS BLOCKING REPLACEMENTS FOR COMBAT VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN PROMISED THE CHANCE TO GO HOME ON ROTATION. THIS WOULD BE A "BLOW TO MORALE," COLLINS WARNED.

--SILENT ADMIRAL--

HOWEVER, GENERAL COLLINS READILY AGREED THAT "MINOR CONCESSIONS" ON OTHER POINTS SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER TO WIN CONCESSIONS FROM THE COMMUNISTS.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH A CEASE-FIRE, BUT NO CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE GRANTED THAT WE "WOULD LATER REGRET."

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LEAST TALKATIVE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS WAS ADMIRAL FECHTELER, WHO MADE A SHORT, HALF-HOUR SPEECH IN WHICH HE ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE NAVY IS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT "ANY MISSION ANY TIME ANY PLACE."

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FOR THE ARMY-S PART, GENERAL COLLINS ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE ARMY COULDN-T BE BLASTED OUT OF KOREA, BUT COULD HOLD ON "UNTIL WE FREEZES OVER."

ANOTHER CONCESSION DISCUSSED WAS THAT OF GIVING IN TO THE COM-
MITTEES ON INSPECTION TEAMS BEHIND THE LINES. WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING OUT
FOR INSPECTION BY JOINT U. N. COMMUNIST TEAMS, BUT THE REDS HAVE BEEN
ARGUING FOR INSPECTION BY "NEUTRAL NATIONS."

BY NEUTRAL NATIONS, THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS SAID THEY MEANT
POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LATER, HOWEVER, THEY AGREED THAT THEY
COULD ALSO CONSIDER DENMARK, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND AS "NEUTRAL
NATIONS." THESE THREE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US, AND GENERAL BRADLEY
ED GIVING GROUND ON THIS POINT. THIS HAS NOW BEEN DONE.

THE CHIEF THEME OF THE MEETING WAS THAT A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT
MAY BE CLOSE AT HAND. ALL SIGNS POINT TO A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT
TWENTY DAYS. THOUGH SOME DETAILS WILL BE LEFT TO IRON OUT AFTER THE
DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN DEADLINE, WE ARE SURE TO GRANT A SHORT EXTENSION
TO CLEAN THEM UP.

ANOTHER MATTER THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE WHITE HOUSE WAS THE
QUESTION OF WITHDRAWING U. N. TROOPS FROM KOREA ALTOGETHER--AFTER THE
ARMISTICE. HOWEVER, THE FACTS REGARDING THIS SHOULD NOT BE MADE
PUBLIC NOW. UNQUOTE. QUOTE FROM THE BELL SYNDICATE, INC, 229 W.
43 ST., NEW YORK.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO EDITORS.

ONE HOUR AFTER THE COLUMN RELEASED FOR DECEMBER 15 WAS ON THE TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, PRESIDENT TRUMAN ASKED GENERAL BRADLEY PERSONALLY TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO STOP ITS PUBLICATION.

AS A RESULT THE COLUMN IN QUESTION, HALF OF WHICH PERTAINED TO THE PRESIDENT-S MEETING WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ON MONDAY WAS SUBMITTED PERSONALLY TO GENERAL BRADLEY FOR HIS PERUSAL.

GENERAL BRADLEY DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT THE COLUMN SHOULD BE KILLED. HOWEVER, HE HAS SUGGESTED TWO CHANGES WHICH I AM HAPPY TO MAKE.

THE SECOND PARAGRAPH UNDER CAPTION "SILENT ADMIRAL" SHOULD READ "PRESIDENT TRUMAN COMMENTED THAT NO CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE GRANTED THAT WE -WOULD LATER REGRET.-"

ALSO IN THE NEXT TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE STORY MAKE THE THIRD AND CLOSING SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH READ..."SOME DETAILS WILL BE LEFT TO IRON OUT AFTER THE DECEMBER 27 DEADLINE." IN OTHER WORDS, OMIT THE WORD "THOUGH" AND THE WORDS "WE ARE SURE TO GRANT A SHORT EXTENSION TO CLEAN THEM UP."

MANY THANKS,

DREW PEARSON

THE FOLLOWING INFO WAS OBTAINED FROM THE POST HALL SYNDICATE INC.,
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE COLUMN FROM ROBERT S. ALLEN FOR DECEMBER THIRTEEN
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LAST WAS RECEIVED BY THE POST HALL SYNDICATE ON DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST THROUGH THE MAIL AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE MAIL BY THE SYNDICATE ON THE SAME DATE MARKED FOR RELEASE ON OR AFTER DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. THE COLUMN CONTAINS INFO ABOUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND DATA CONCERNING INCOME TAX AND LABOR SITUATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE PERTINENT COLUMN IN THE "NEW YORK POST." THE ORIGINAL RECEIVED FROM MR. ALLEN IS MARKED WITH CORRECTIONS WHICH ARE OF INDIVIDUAL WORDS AND NOT OF ANY PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THESE CORRECTIONS WERE MADE AFTER DICTATION BY MR. ALLEN AND THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY IN ALL OF HIS COLUMNS TO RECEIVE MATERIAL SO MARKED. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE AVAILABLE THE ORIGINAL COPY OF MR. ALLEN-S WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY OBTAINING MR. ALLEN-S PERMISSION, WHICH HE INDICATED HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO DO, HOWEVER, HE PERMITTED THE AGENTS TO LOOK OVER THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE COLUMN AND IT WAS NOTED THAT NO MATERIAL, PHRASES OR PARAGRAPHS WERE DELETED THEREFROM. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT POST HALL SYNDICATE EXAMINED THE COPY FOR POSSIBLE LIABILITIES AND HE STATED THAT THIS IS CUSTOMARY PRACTICE IN PUBLISHING ALL OF THEIR COLUMNS THAT ARE HANDLED BY THEIR SYNDICATE AND THAT THEY DID NOT IN THIS CASE MAKE ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS. IN REGARD TO THE PERTINENT COLUMN AS IT APPEARED IN THE "NY POST" THE MIMEOGRAPHED COPY DISTRIBUTED BY POST HALL A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY MAIL, IS AS

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FOLLOWS... "WHAT THE REDS WANT DASH THE UN CAN HAVE A CEASE FIRE IN KOREA, BUT AT THE COST OF IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS TO THE REDS. THAT-S WHAT THE JOINT CHIEFS TOLD THE PRESIDENT IN THEIR BIG CONFERENCE WITH HIM AFTER HIS RETURN. GENERAL BRADLEY DECLARED THE PROTRACTED TRUCE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED THE POINT -WHERE A FEW CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES COULD BRING AN AGREEMENT IF THE COMMUNISTS REALLY WANT ONE.-

-WHAT DO THEY WANT /Q/- ASKED THE PRESIDENT. -THE DEADLOCK GETS DOWN TO THIS,- EXPLAINED BRADLEY. -WE ARE DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO ROTATE OUR TROOPS AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR MONTHS. THE REDS ARE FLATLY REFUSING TO ALLOW THAT. THEY ARE INSISTING ON A COMPLETE FREEZE ON REPLACEMENTS AND WEAPONS. BUT THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THAT IF WE WILL ALLOW THEM TO BUILD SOME AIRFIELDS IN NORTH KOREA. WE HAVE REFUSED TO DO THAT. OBVIOUSLY, THEY ARE USING THE ROTATION ISSUE TO TRY TO WREST CONCESSIONS FROM US ON THE AIRFIELD DEMAND.- GENERAL HOYT VANDENBERG VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED GIVING ANY GROUND ON THAT. -I WANT A CEASE FIRE, IF ONE CAN BE WORKED OUT THAT IS FAIR AND PROPER,- DECLARED THE AIR CHIEF OF STAFF. -BUT I DON-T SEE HOW WE CAN SAFELY DO ANY-

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THING THAT WILL ENABLE THE REDS TO BUILD UP THEIR AIR STRENGTH. THAT IS WHAT PERMITTING THEM TO BUILD AIRFIELDS WILL AMOUNT TO. SUCH BASES IN NORTH KOREA WILL BE OF GREAT COMBAT VALUE TO THEM, IF THEY DECIDE TO BREAK THE TRUCE NEXT SPRING, WHICH I WOULDN'T PUT PAST THEM.- GENERAL J. LAWTON COLLINS WAS INCLINED TO FAVOR SOME TERMS ON THE AIRFIELD DISPUTE. HE THOUGHT SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT ON THAT. BUT THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF WAS ADAMANT IN INSISTING THE COMMUNISTS BE REQUIRED TO AGREE TO ROTATION OF UN TROOPS. -THAT WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE MORALE OF OUR MEN,- COLLINS ARGUED. -I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY CONCESSIONS ON THAT. IT IS AN UNFAIR DEMAND, AND THE ONLY REASON THE REDS ON MAKING IT IS TO TRY TO FORCE US TO GIVE IN ON AIRFIELDS. OUR ARMY CAN HOLD THE PRESENT LINE UNTIL HELL FREEZES OVER, AND I AM FLATLY OPPOSED TO GIVING THE SLIGHTEST GROUND ON THE REPLACEMENT ISSUE. THE REDS WOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHT AS US ON THAT, AND I DON-T SEE WHY THEY SHOULD OBJECT TO IT, EXCEPT FOR TRADING PURPOSES.- BRADLEY AGREED WITH COLLINS, BUT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ALLOWING THE COMMUNISTS TO BUILD UP A POWERFUL

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AIRFORCE. PRESIDENT TRUMAN LISTENED INTENTLY TO THE MILITARY LEADERS AND SAID NOTHING UNTIL THEY FINISHED. THEN HE TOLD THEM...-AS YOU KNOW I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO BRING THE FIGHTING TO AN END IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. BUT I WILL NOT AGREE TO CONCESSIONS TO THE COMMUNISTS THAT WE MAY REGRET LATER ON. WE WANT TO BE VERY CAREFUL THAT WE DO NOT SELL OURSELVES SHORT IN OUR EAGERNESS TO SECURE A TRUCE FOR OUR MEN.- ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE QUESTION OF BUILDING UP THE SOUTH KOREAN ARMY, AS THIS COLUMN HAS REPORTED WAS PROPOSED BY GENERAL RIDGWAY. HE WANTS TO INCREASE THE ROK DIVISIONS FROM ELEVEN TO TWENTY. NO DECISION WAS REACHED ON THE MATTER, BUT PRESIDENT TRUMAN STRONGLY APPROVED THE PLAN. -I AM FOR PROMPT ACTION ON THAT,- HE SAID. -IT SEEMS TO ME A VERY SOUND THING TO DO. SIMILARLY, THE PRESIDENT APPROVED MOVING TO KOREA ONE OF THE TWO NATIONAL GUARD DIVISIONS NOW IN JAPAN. THIS HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY RIDGWAY IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF ONE OF THE BATTLE DASH EXPERIENCED DIVISIONS IN KOREA TO EUROPE. GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS REQUESTED THAT." IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE MIMEOGRAPHED COPY IS IDENTICAL WITH THE COLUMN THAT APPEARED IN THE "NY POST" BLUE EDITION OF DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. HOWEVER, IT WILL FURTHER BE NOTED THAT THE "NY POST" COLUMN CONCLUDES WITH THE STATEMENT "ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE QUESTION OF BUILDING UP THE

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SOUTH KOREAN ARMY AS THIS COLUMN HAS REPORTED WAS PROPOSED BY GENERAL RIDGWAY," WHEREAS THE MIMEOGRAPHED COPY CONTINUES AS QUOTED ABOVE.

A MIMEOGRAPHED COPY OF THE ENTIRE RELEASE WAS MADE AVAILABLE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO THE AGENTS AND IS BEING RETAINED IN THIS OFFICE. [REDACTED]

STATED THAT THIS MIMEOGRAPHED COPY WAS SENT TO ALL OF THE NEWSPAPERS SUBSCRIBING TO ALLEN-S COLUMN AND THAT IN HIS OPINION THE COLUMN IN THE "NY POST" BLUE FINAL EDITION OF DEC THIRTEEN LAST WAS CUT FOR SPACE SAVING REASONS. HE ADVISED THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR NEWSPAPERS RECEIVING COPIES OF THE COLUMNS TO PRINT ANY PORTION OR ALL OF THE COLUMN AT THEIR DISCRETION. HE DID STATE THAT THE "PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS" USUALLY PUBLISHES THE ENTIRE RELEASE AS SENT OUT BY POST HALL BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY HAD DONE IT ON THIS OCCASION. NO LEAD IS BEING SET OUT FOR THE PHILA OFFICE, IT IS LEFT TO THE BUREAU-S DISCRETION. IT IS NOTED THAT [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY IN THIS MATTER BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU BE DISCREET IN USING THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH BOTH THE POST HALL SYNDICATE AND THE BELL SYNDICATE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON;

ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE;
12-11-51 TO JACK ANDERSON, LEG MAN FOR DREW PEARSON;
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Attention: Inspector Carl Hennrich

ReNYtel to Bureau and WFO dated December 20, 1951, captioned as above.

In accordance with the information contained in referenced teletype, there are attached for the Bureau two photostatic copies of a teletype received by the Bell Syndicate, Inc., 229 West 43rd Street, New York City, which teletype was received by them from DREW PEARSON in Washington, D. C. The first teletype, which is four pages in length, contains information concerning the President's meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as well as other miscellaneous material for the use of the Bell Syndicate in the PEARSON column. Attached these four pages is a teletype received from PEARSON by Bell Syndicate on December 12, 1951, which contains several corrections to be made in the teletype of December 11, as well as other information concerning PEARSON's column. One copy of the above is also being directed to the WFO.

There are also attached for the Bureau two copies of a column prepared by ROBERT S. ALLEN and dated December 11, 1951, which was directed to the Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc., 295 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. This release is six pages in length, part of which appeared in ALLEN's column in the New York Post on December 13, 1951. This material was obtained from [redacted] of the Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc.; There is also attached for the information of the WFO one photostatic copy of the above-mentioned press release of ROBERT ALLEN. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 14, 1951

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 10, 1951, TO JACK ANDERSON, LEG MAN
FOR DREW PEARSON
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On the morning of December 14, 1951, I discussed the investigation of this case in detail with Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Washington Field Office. Arrangements were made for three interviewing teams of Agents to handle the interviewing of persons who attended the conference of December 10, 1951, as follows:

Special Agents [] and [] will interview the White House representatives who were present at the conference (except the President); Special Agents [] and [] will interview representatives who attended the December 10, 1951, conference, and Mr. James Lay of the National Security Council who also attended the December 10, 1951, conference; Special Agents [] and [] will interview the representatives of the Armed Services who attended the conference of December 10, 1951, and also interview Colonels [] and [] of General Omar Bradley's office who reviewed Jack Anderson's paper together with General Bradley.

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It was arranged that as soon as the two teams handling the White House and State Department interviews had completed they would fill in and assist in the interviews with the Armed Services representatives.

I called a conference of all of the Agents who will participate in the interviews in the office of SAC Hood at the Washington Field Office and went over with them in detail the background of the case and the basic points which must be covered in all interviews. I arranged to be notified so that I could participate in the interviews of [], General Bradley, Mathew Connelly, and Joseph Short. I requested that I be kept advised of any significant items developed during the interviews, and that if any particular problems were anticipated in the interviews, I should be notified so that I would have an opportunity to participate if deemed advisable.

During that day attempts were made to arrange interviews with every individual who participated in the December 10, 1951, conference. The following interviews were scheduled for December 14, 1951, and are being conducted:

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Secretary Thomas K. Finletter
James E. Webb
H. Freeman Matthews
General Robert Landry
Colonel [] (General Bradley's Staff)
Colonel [] (General Bradley's Staff)

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Interviews have been scheduled for December 15, 1951, with the following:

General Omar Bradley (tentative)
General Hoyt Vandenburg (tentative)
Admiral William Fechteler
Secretary Frank Pace
Acting Secretary Francis Whitehair (tentative)
James Lay
General Vaughan
General Cabell

The following will not be available on December 15, 1951, and will be interviewed as indicated:

General Joseph Collins will be interviewed at 10:45 A.M., December 17, 1951; Admiral Sidney Souers will be interviewed December 19, 1951, upon his return to Washington; Admiral Dennison (sick) will be interviewed on his return to the office.

Matt Connelly was contacted by Mr. Roach of the Liaison Section and he specifically stated that he was not present during any part of the conference of December 10, 1951. He stated that he walked with the President to the door of the conference room but did not enter the room at any time during the conference. Connelly said that he knew for a fact that Joseph Short was not present during the conference. He said Admiral Dennison had come out of the conference after it was over and told Short what he might say to the press. In view of this, interviews are not contemplated immediately with Connelly and Short unless interviews with others definitely place them in the conference.

I was with SAC Hood at 7:00 P.M. tonight and he informed me that the interviews were progressing under most difficult conditions and that traffic has been almost impassable, and some of the interviews were scheduled at the homes of the interviewees, and because of impassable traffic, interviews had to be postponed until later this evening. SAC Hood contemplates that some of the interviews

will not be held until late in the evening. I arranged with him to submit in summary form tonight the results of any of the interviews that are completed at a reasonable hour, and to advise telephonically of any significant developments in connection with any of the interviews.

ACTION:

I will follow with the Washington Field Office on December 15, 1951, in order to correlate available information with material appearing in Pearson's column which will then be available and we will continue to press this matter.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: December 14, 1951

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AH*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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TO DREW PEARSON;
DECEMBER 10, 1951 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

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Pursuant to my instructions, Mr. Roach contacted Admiral Dennison, Naval Aid to the President, and pointed out to him that Secretary of Defense Lovett had indicated that he felt a security check for microphones and listening devices should be made at the Cabinet Room of the White House (this is where the conference in question was held). Admiral Dennison who is ill at home informed Mr. Roach that the matter should be discussed with Mr. Matthew J. Connolly, Secretary to the President, who was familiar with the entire matter. Connolly stated that he was in agreement with Admiral Dennison that the check should be made as one phase of the investigation.

Through arrangements with Mr. Connolly, Mr. Roach, accompanied by two laboratory technicians, [redacted] and [redacted] made a complete and thorough examination of the Cabinet Rooms, as well as the room under the Cabinet Room and a survey of the roof above. This check resulted negatively so far as any listening devices were concerned. It should be noted that Mr. Connolly has not as yet been informed of the results of this check.

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It was also determined by Mr. Roach that contrary to what Secretary Lovett had said, neither Mr. Connolly nor Mr. Short, Press Secretary to the President, were present at the conference. Mr. Connolly informed Mr. Roach that he at no time was in the Cabinet Room during the meeting, and that the only Presidential Aids present were the military aids, namely General Vaughn, Admiral Dennison and General Landry.

Arrangements are being made for interview with Vaughn, Dennison and Landry.

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On my instructions, Mr. Matthew J. Connolly was advised by Mr. Roach that the check was completed negatively.

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Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers
Special Consultant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral:

There is enclosed one copy of the
report of Special Agent in Charge R. B.
Hood, dated at Washington, D. C., December
22, 1951, covering the investigation of the
reported leak of information from the White
House conference on December 10, 1951.

A copy of this report has been
furnished to the Honorable Robert A. Lovett,
Secretary of Defense, with the request that
he advise of any further investigation de-
sired.

With expressions of my highest
esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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to [redacted] Admiral
to [redacted] for [redacted]
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The Honorable
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing one copy of the report of
Special Agent in Charge R. E. Hood, dated at
Washington, D. C., December 22, 1951, covering the
investigation of the reported leak of information
from the White House conference on December 10,
1951. In accordance with your request of Mr.
Hennrich on December 21, 1951, we have conducted
no interviews with Drew Pearson, Jack Anderson,
or Robert S. Allen.

No further investigation is being con-
ducted pending your review of the enclosed report.
I would appreciate it if you would advise whether
additional investigation is desired.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. KENNEDY

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON
ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 10, 1951, TO JACK ANDERSON,
LEG-MAN FOR DREW PEARSON
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DATE: December 21, 1951

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I talked with Secretary Robert A. Lovett on the morning of December 21. I advised him we have now interviewed all the persons who attended the President's conference on December 10 and, in addition, have interviewed those individuals who were indicated as having been furnished information regarding any phase of the conference. I told him that the information furnished to us was that relatively little dissemination of the facts of the conference was made by those in attendance. I pointed out we had developed no substantial information indicating the identity of any person who may have leaked information.

I pointed out to Secretary Lovett that a most significant development of the investigation was the close social contacts of Clayton Fritchey, Director of Public Information, Department of Defense, with Drew Pearson. I pointed out that the evening when General Bradley had Jack Anderson over to the Pentagon to go over the proposed column, Fritchey was having dinner and playing bridge at the Pearson home. I pointed out it had been developed that Fritchey was to play bridge at the Pearson home again during the week of December 17. I pointed out in this connection that we had developed no information indicating that Fritchey was in possession of facts regarding the conference, and Mr. Lovett hastened to assure that Fritchey was not in possession of any such information. Mr. Lovett made no specific comment concerning the Fritchey-Pearson relationship. His demeanor was such, however, that I gathered he was not pleased.

We then discussed the Pearson and Allen columns in general. Mr. Lovett indicated that the theory had been presented to him that an astute newspaperman could have written the columns without actually having access to the facts discussed at the conference. He noted that many items in the columns were inaccurate; also that the columns made no reference to many items actually discussed at some length at the conference, including NATO.

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I advised Secretary Lovett that in our interrogation of the persons who attended the conference, we have accepted their word as to the extent of dissemination or discussion of matters pertaining to the conference, and have made no effort to question any secretaries, aides, or assistants for the purpose of verifying such statements, but that we have, of course, followed through where it has been indicated information was passed on, in order to determine whether further dissemination was made by those receiving such information. Secretary Lovett stated he definitely felt that no inquiries should be made at this time to verify the statements of persons who attended the conference.

Secretary Lovett was informed it would appear to be logical at this point to consider interviews with Drew Pearson, Jack Anderson, and Robert Allen. He was requested to advise as to whether he desires these interviews to be conducted. He commented that the desirability of such interviews, of course, is a matter of judgment and that it was his judgment no affirmative results could be expected from such interviews. On the other hand, he commented that such interviews might well result in a blast at the Administration from the press generally. He concluded that these interviews should not be conducted at this time.

Secretary Lovett stated that in the absence of a clear-out indication that some particular individual had actually leaked information from the conference, he was of the definite feeling at this time that no further inquiries should be made in this matter and that he would be prepared to so recommend to the President. I told Secretary Lovett that a report is being prepared reflecting our investigation to date, so that he can have an opportunity to go over in detail the interviews conducted. I told him we would be glad to confer with him at any time regarding the investigation and to conduct any further investigation which is desired. He indicated he felt that no further investigation would be desired.

The Washington Field Office is now preparing the report in this matter and have advised it will be completed over the week end. Our present plans are to deliver a copy of the investigative report to Secretary Lovett, together with a cover letter confirming his decision that Drew Pearson, Jack Anderson, and Robert Allen not be interviewed at this time. This cover letter will also request his desires as to further investigation.

9:58 A.M. 12/27/51
Admiral Dennison advised

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that at the time we deliver the report to Secretary Lovett, we orally advise Admiral Dennison of the White House that the report has been so delivered.

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Since the investigation has indicated some contact with Pearson and Jack Anderson on the part of Under Secretary Whitehair, and definite association on the part of Clayton Fréchev, I think it might be desirable, when we deliver the report to Secretary Lovett and when we advise Admiral Dennison of its delivery to Lovett, that we orally point out to these two men that so long as association between responsible individuals in the Defense establishment and elsewhere and columnists such as Drew Pearson continues, it can be expected that leaks will occur.

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I agree, find I think
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have pointed out to him
Fitchie & Whitehair's
association with Pearson.

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delivered 12-27-51
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 27, 1951

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SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON

ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 10, 1951, TO JACK ANDERSON,
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Re memo dated December 21, 1951, addressed to you by Mr. Hennrich which recommended that a copy of the Bureau's investigation in this matter be furnished to Secretary Lovett and that we orally advise Admiral Dennison, of the White House, that the report had been so delivered.

The Director approved the furnishing of the report to Secretary Lovett and the advising of Admiral Dennison as indicated and stated, "I think Souers should be briefed as to investigation and also have pointed out to him Fritchey's and Whitehair's association with Pearson. H."

On December 27, 1951, the letter of transmittal to the Secretary of Defense, and a copy of the report, was furnished by Special Agent [redacted] to [redacted] Secretary Lovett's [redacted] who advised that Mr. Lovett was in conference and probably would be for most of the afternoon. She stated she would immediately place the sealed envelope on Mr. Lovett's desk and in that manner he could review the report immediately upon the termination of the conference being held in his office.

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Special Agent [redacted] also delivered to [redacted] on December 27, 1951, a copy of the investigative report with a letter of transmittal, dated December 26, 1951, to Admiral Souers. [redacted] advised that he would personally hold this letter and report until Admiral Souers returns on January 3, 1952.

Admiral Dennison, of the White House, was advised on December 27, 1951, by Special Agent [redacted] that the investigative report had been furnished to Secretary Lovett.

It is contemplated that Admiral Souers will be briefed in this connection by Mr. Hennrich as soon as the Admiral returns to Washington, which will apparently be on January 3, 1952.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing is for your information.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENDRICH

DATE: December 20, 1951

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON
 ALLEGED LEAK FROM WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
 DECEMBER 10, 1951
 TO JACK ANDERSON, LEG-MAN FOR DREW PEARSON
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While interviewing Mr. Joseph Short, Press Secretary of the White House, on December 20, he advised it was his belief that Drew Pearson extensively uses newspaper reporters who are associated with reputable news media and who feed to Pearson, at a price, off-the-record comments which are made in the course of legitimate interviews and which the news media represented by the particular reporter would not use because it "off the record." In this connection, he named [redacted] formerly of Trans-Radio Press, and [redacted] who was "peddling" to Pearson while employed by CBS. He stated that these two had been caught but that he had no doubt there are others.

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In this regard, he stated that while Mrs. Roosevelt was in the White House she used to comment extensively off the record and was "not security conscious." He said that Mrs. Roosevelt's comments begun appearing in Robert Allen's material and that Mrs. Short, who was then covering Mrs. Roosevelt's press conferences, together with another unnamed woman reporter, observed a woman reporter feverishly making notes of Mrs. Roosevelt's off-the-record comments and actually tailed her to Robert Allen's office. She was confronted and was fired from the agency which she represented. It was Mr. Short's observation that the information concerning the instant investigation may have come into Pearson's hands through such a contact as mentioned above. It was his opinion, although Short stated he had no facts upon which to base it, that the leak in this particular case would have emanated from a "second echelon" who possibly had been briefed by someone who actually attended the conference. Short was unable to relate any facts that would reflect upon the identity of the person responsible for the leak.

Mr. Short furnished a transcript of the press conference which he held immediately following the December 10 conference, which is attached. While no particular significance is attached to the questions and answers set forth, the details of the transcript indicate that the press conference was very carefully covered, probably by microphone.

ACTION: For your information.

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JOHN: This meeting this morning discussed the world situation. No policy decisions were made. Do you know who were there?

Q. No, we don't.

S. Secretary of Defense, the Joint Secretaries, with Whitehair for Kimball, who is out of town. The Joint Chiefs.

Q. They were all there, including the Chairman?

S. That's right, and Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Webb, and H. Freeman Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary of State.

Q. Where did they meet, in the Cabinet Room?

S. In the Cabinet Room.

Q. How long did it last?

S. It was more than an hour.

Q. Particularly pressing problem right now is the problem of urgency -- the attempt to get an armistice out in Korea, isn't it, Joe?

S. Korea was among the subjects discussed, Bill. It was not, however, confined ---

Q. (interposing) Got the December 27th deadline out there for agreement though?

Q. It was, however, not confined?

S. Not confined to that subject.

Q. European Army. Was the European Army discussed?

S. Well, beyond that, the world was covered.

Q. Joe, the President said last night at the airport that he might see McArthur today?

S. He won't see him.

Q. When will McArthur see him, tomorrow?

S. I am not quite sure about that.

Q. Will not see him today?

S. That's right.

Q. What is the program for the rest of the day?

S. He has quite a bit of work today.

Q. No swim?

Q. Is there any indication when he will see McArthur?

S. No, I can't tell you now when he will see him.

Q. Well, Joe, what I meant ---

S. (adding) soon.

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Q. (continuing) --- Is what is he going to do this afternoon, the calling list doesn't show anybody, but do you know of any callers?

S. No, I don't.

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Q. Was this meeting a regular meeting with the Chiefs of Staff moved up a week, or something?

S. Well, you know the President meets with the Joint Chiefs every two weeks.

Q. Was this the date for one of them?

S. Well, it was similar to those regular meetings.

Q. I thought the last one was taken care of by General Hull?

S. That was.

Q. You mean when he met Hull?

S. [redacted] and [redacted] came down. State is always in on these Joint Chief meetings.

Are there any special aspects of the world situation that can be mentioned as having been discussed?

S. I can't go beyond what I have said, [redacted]

Q. Joe, can you say whether the President came back earlier than he had anticipated because the meeting was scheduled today and he would have had them come to Key West if he hadn't come back?

S. Didn't the President pretty well cover that before he left Boca Chica yesterday afternoon?

Q. Pretty well, but he did didn't nail it down.

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S. I think he handled the situation.

Q. Do you anticipate anything in the way of hard news for the rest of the day -- I mean, have you got anything in the works?

S. [redacted] there are always a number of things in the works, and one or more of them might jell this afternoon.

Q. Not before lunch?

S. No.

Q. Has the President any plan to see [redacted] ?????

S. What?

Q. [redacted] or [redacted]

~~xxxx~~ Q. [redacted]

S. I don't know of any appointments for either one of them.

Q. Joe, was this meeting this morning a part of a continuing series, perhaps, on given situations that is, will he -- will he carry this -- today's discussions further to seek to arrive at any policy decisions?

S. [redacted] there will undoubtedly be other meetings of approximately the same group. I don't know when, though. If you mean, is there going to be another one tomorrow, or the next day, I know ~~of~~ nothing of any such plans. He sees approximately this ~~same~~ same group every two weeks.

Q. Well now, yesterday apparently there was a conference between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Mobilization Director. Is that -- were their discussions ~~preliminary~~ preliminary to or part of today's discussions?

S. I don't know. I didn't even know that there was such a meeting that you are talking about.

Q. It was out of the Pentagon, I understand.

Q. The President said something about a meeting with the people coming back from Europe. What is that, who are they and what do they do?

S. The Cabinet officers who have been to Europe are the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Treasury.

Q. Is [] back yet?

S. No. [] and [] are due back Wednesday, and [] is still a week.

Q. Do you know whether he is going to come back this week, Joe?

S. My understanding is that it was about ten days from now. That is pretty rough, [] I wouldn't want to pin it down to the 26th. Roughly ten days.

Q. In other words, he is not due in this week?

S. No.

Q. The President also said something in Key West about coming back and putting in a hard week's work before he went out to Independence for Christmas.

S. You mean a hard two weeks.

Q. He said a week.

Q. He said he had a terrific week ahead of him.

Q. I think what he was ~~was~~ emphasizing ~~ex~~ was that this week would be a terrific one. What I want to know is what Joe thinks.

S. I think there is a lot of work that will have to be done between now and the time he goes to Kansas City.

Q. No change in the Independence departure time, December 24?

S. Not so far as I have been advised.

Q. That is what you really wanted to ask.

Q. Are there any new directives in the ~~mak~~ making on the handling of the cease-fire talks in Korea?

S. [] I don't know of any, but that doesn't mean anything.

Q. Can you say whether these discussions this morning revolved around the -- General Vandenberg's recent statements, that he would like to increase the size of the Air Force?

S. I will stand on what I have already said about Korea.

Q. There was a story ~~tx~~ in this morning's paper that Under Secretary Webb is about to quit. Have you got anything on that?

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S. I haven't any comment on that, [REDACTED]

Q. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

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Q. This lid is on for lunch then, so far as you know, other than the President ---

S. (interposing) The President ~~xxxx~~ is still in the House, and I don't give lids as long as he is here, [REDACTED]

Q. You would let us know when you hear [REDACTED] is coming in? In other words, we would like to find out about it rather than wait ~~and~~ for the posting of the calling list, if possible?

S. I will see what I can do.

Q. Thank you.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 29, 1951

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON (Column of December 15, 1951);
JACK NORTHMAN ANDERSON, aka Jack Anderson;
ROBERT S. ALLEN (Column of December 13, 1951);
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DATE 5-28-88 BY SP8 JF/5PURPOSE:

To recommend that I call Admiral Dennison of the White House and advise him:

1. That the Bureau's report in this matter is factual and that we do not draw conclusions;
2. That I offer to discuss the facts with him at his convenience;
3. That he be advised that Secretary Lovett has stated he will indicate further investigation desired, if any, after consultation with the President.

DETAILS:

The attached memorandum from [] reflects that [] received a call from Admiral Dennison on the evening of December 28. Admiral Dennison stated that Secretary Lovett had discussed the report with Dennison; that Dennison is sorry it resulted in no definite conclusion. Dennison further indicated that after he has read the report in detail and discussed it with the President, he may have some additional questions and that it might be logical for him to discuss the matter with Mr. Hennrich.

You will recall that Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett originally requested the investigation of this matter on the basis of the President's request through Admiral Dennison. In view of this, we directed our report to Lovett and it was Lovett who indicated that interviews with Pearson, Allen and Anderson were not desired and that no further inquiries should be made pending receipt of the report. Lovett has now directed a letter to the Bureau, stating that after he has discussed the matter with the President, he will indicate whether any

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further inquiries are desired. You will also recall that we have furnished a copy of the report to Admiral Souers and upon his return to Washington he will be briefed regarding the matter on January 4, 1952.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt we should definitely maintain our present position of dealing with Secretary Lovett in this matter. He originally requested the investigation and he has been consulted regarding certain interviews. It was on his advice that the investigation was discontinued, pending his review of the report. We should avoid being caught in a cross-fire between requests from Admiral Dennison and requests from Secretary Lovett. I feel, however, that we should immediately indicate our willingness to discuss any of the facts in the report with Admiral Dennison, as he has suggested, at the same time pointing out to him that the Bureau does not draw conclusions, but that our investigations are directed strictly at developing facts.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, I will call Admiral Dennison and offer to discuss the report in this matter with him at any time at his convenience. I will point out the fact that the Bureau does not draw conclusions from the facts developed and that with regard to further investigation, Secretary Lovett has indicated he will convey to us his desires relative to further investigation, if any, after consultation with the President.

OK. but I think
any requests for info.
Dennison should be
promptly acted upon
& not referred to Sec.
Lovett.

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